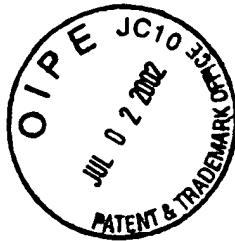


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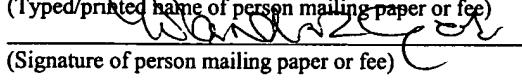
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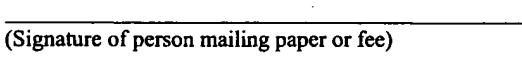

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with
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Applicant is submitting a search report issued by the German Patent Office on
the corresponding German priority document, as well as the references or counterpart
references cited by the German Patent Office. In this regard, please note that U.S.
Patent No. 6,006,511 corresponds to DE 197 08 190 A1; U.S. Patent No. 3,833,968
corresponds to DE-OS 2 211 991 and U.S. Patent No. 6,289,588 corresponds to EP
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Concerning DE 25 39 089 A1 and DE 29 04 841 A1, discussed in the present,
the significance of these references is discussed in the specification.

Applicants' duty to provide a statement of relevance as to the remaining foreign language references is satisfied by the German Patent Office search report in accordance with 1138 OG 38 of May 19, 1992, and MPEP § 609A(3).

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